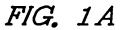
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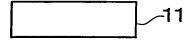


FIG. 1B



FIG. 1C

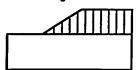


FIG. 1D

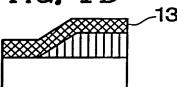


FIG. 1D'

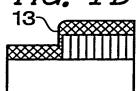


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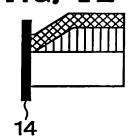


FIG. 1E'

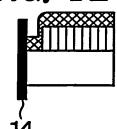
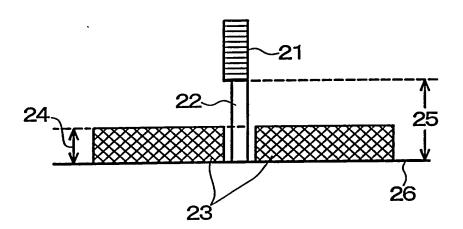
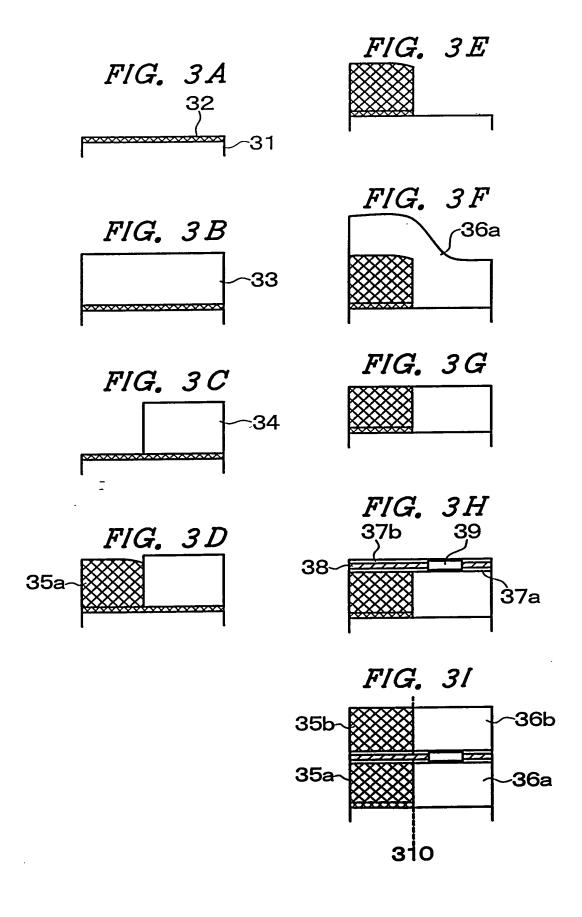


FIG. 2





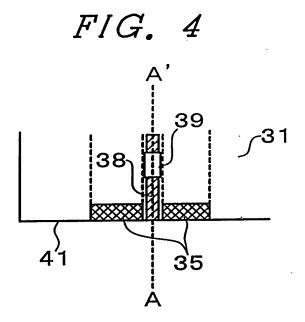


FIG. 5

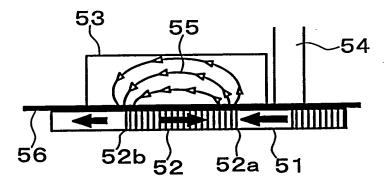


FIG. 6

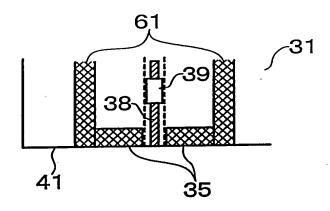


FIG. 7

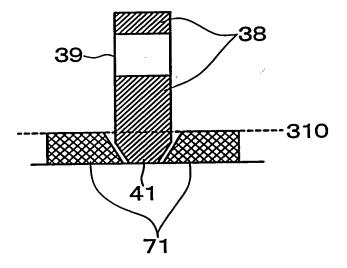


FIG. 8A

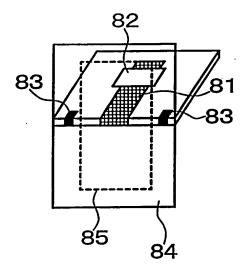
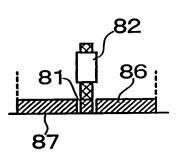
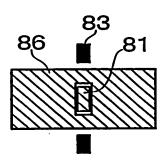


FIG. 8B

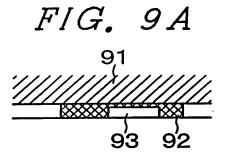


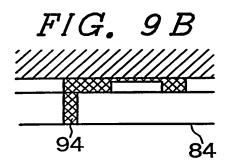
CROSS SECTION

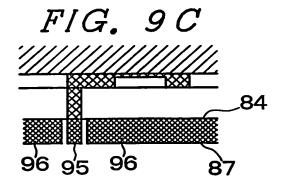
FIG. 8C

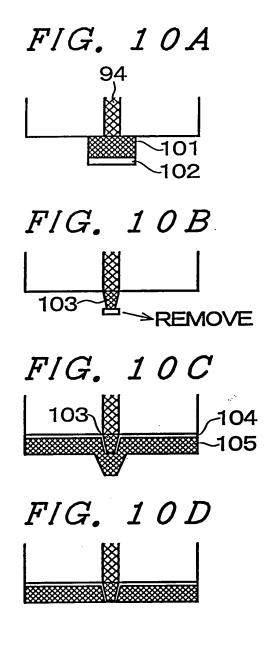


BOTTOM SECTION









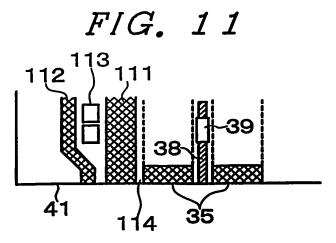


FIG. 12A

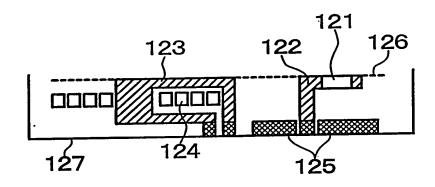
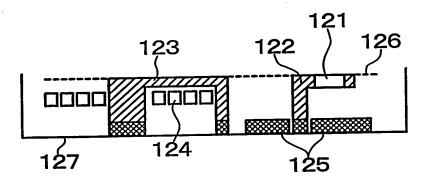
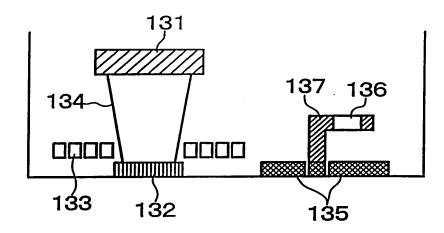


FIG. 12B



F/G. 13



F/G. 14

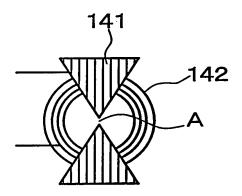
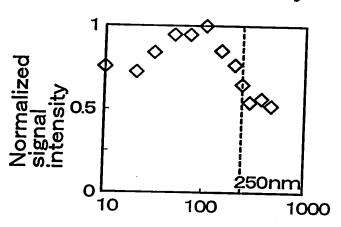


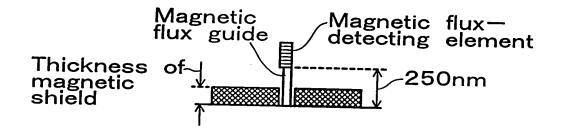
FIG. 15A

Signal intensity

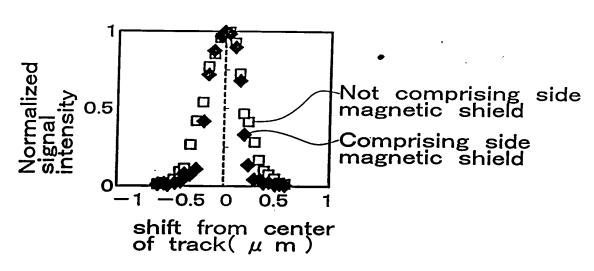


Height of magnetic shield (nm - logarithmic scale)

FIG. 15B

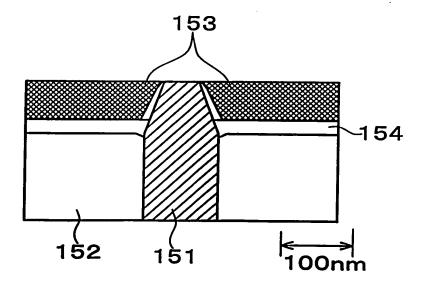


F/G. 16



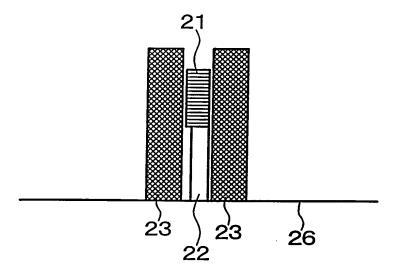
Micro-track profile of reading head

FIG. 17



Prior Art

FIG. 18



Prior Art
F/G. 19

